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### **REMARKS**

Claims 12-22 are pending. Claim 22 is amended. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for his phone call of December 20, 2007 to discuss claim 22. Applicant has adopted Examiner's suggestion to further clarify claim 22 to specify that either or both of naturally occurring nucleobases and non-naturally occurring nucleobases can bear a bulky substituent.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

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